

FULLER'S FULMINATIONS

by Fuller Warren

This week I am giving a going-over to Florida's foremost journalistic giant. A man who has one

newspaper has achieved considerable. A man who has two newspapers has achieved even more. But a man who has three newspapers in three different states, is something else again!

Such a man is John S. Knight, owner, publisher, and Sunday editor of the Miami Herald, the Detroit Free Press, and the Akron (Ohio) Beacon-Journal. That puts

him almost up in the class with Hearst, Roy Howard, the Cowles brothers of Iowa, and that sturdy old fellow from upper New York who is always running for President—I forget his name for the moment. It may be Frank H. Gannett. Yes, it is.

Being a publisher of such parts and proportions, no one could be blamed for believing that Knight

is a pompous, double-chinned, bay-windowed, grey-haired, stern-faced tycoon. Well, he is a tycoon in the truest and most thrilling sense of the term, having netted an income of approximately \$750,000 last year. But he is none of the rest. The popular concept of a millionaire publisher fits him not at all.

He looks to be in his early forties. He is about 5 feet, 11 inches tall. He is stacked up something like a half-back from Holy Cross College. He appears to be trained to as fine fettle as Billy Conn was just before Louis laid him low. He has the quick, springy, agile movements of an athlete.

He is a rather conservative dresser, except for a rouge-red necktie. Journalists and writers seem to go in for garish gauds and resplendent rigs. The late O. O. McIntyre was a veritable phantasmagoria of gorgeous colors in both his street and sleeping clothes. I have seen pictures of Roy Howard, of the Scripps-Jewell newspaper chain, in a varicolored rig that looked not unlike Joseph's coat (Genesis 37:3). Florida's own man of letters, Squire Coe, is a veritable symphony of assorted colors when he is accoutred in fully panoply.

So, in dressing rather drably, Knight is a departure from sartorial orthodoxy among newspaper tycoons.

He has a glib line of conversation that is liberally larded with slang, idiom, and the quaint patois of pugilism. He listens equally as well as he talks. And he talks so well that I listened to him with interest for about two hours on a plane trip from Jacksonville to West Palm Beach recently.

On that trip he told the very best political yarn I have ever heard from ANOTHER person. Knight said a certain Senator, who is somewhat notorious for his subservience to the New Deal and his ardor for Mr. Franklin (Note: This is not said sarcastically, as I am now, have been, and probably always will be 100 per cent plus for President Roosevelt).

This Senator sought Knight's support. He told of his great service in the Senate, his limitless capacity for even greater service, his burning ambition to sacrifice himself upon the altar of his country's service. He asked Knight for the all-out aid of his newspaper, he said. "Senator, what you have said sounds good, but they tell me you are nothing but a rubber stamp for Roosevelt. Whereupon, the Senator, with a hurt, crucified sort of look on his

face, said, "Mr. Knight, the people who are saying those man, unkind, cutting things about me are of my type." If a proponent of the Gospel should admit that he believed in the New Testament in its entirety, they would accuse him of being a rubber stamp for Christ."

Knight's Miami Herald is easily one of the three greatest newspapers in Florida. His editorial policy is fearless to the point of being almost reckless at times. Nothing is too high or too low for the Herald's editorials to touch upon. One day they will assail an extravagant President and the next day they will tear into a thieving constable.

The Herald's editorials run the whole gamut of human experience. One day they will pour out the tenderest tribute to a recently buried statesman, and the next they will hurl a full quiver of unvarnished shafts at a living politician.

Every Sunday, Knight contributes a rather protracted editorial entitled, "As We See It." I am in violent disagreement with nearly every contention he makes in this position. But it is written so logically and so lucidly, and adorned with so many embellishments of language, that I read it from stem to stern every Sunday. I was surprised to learn that Knight has never been to Tallahassee. He said he was afraid of being suspected of being a politician if he should step out of the office. That kind of self-respect and concern for one's good name is all too rare.

Mayo Says Markets Operated By State Are 'Big Business'

Are One Of State's Major Assets Of Farm Industry

Jacksonville, July 24—Florida's State Farmers' Markets have definitely climbed into the "Big Business" classification and constitute one of the major assets of the State's growing agricultural industry. This was made apparent by report for the season of 1940-41 at the annual meeting of advisory committees and market managers at the George Washington Hotel here July 10-12. The report for the first fiscal year in the history of State Farmers' Markets, June 30, 1935, showed the market in operation with total sales of \$161,625. The report for this fiscal year, June 30, 1941, shows 21 markets in operation with total sales of \$1,078,612.79 and an increase of 49 percent over those of a year ago.

Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture, told the Jacksonville gathering that about 14 years ago he realized that something must be done to improve the condition of Florida farmers and growers. He made a trip to California to see what they were doing out there but found the situation was so far different that the methods in use there would not work in Florida.

About a year later he conceived the idea of a system of State markets which would bring farmers in direct contact with buyers, provide them with accurate market information, and protect them against unscrupulous dealers. The first bill passed by the legislature was defective and no market were built. The second bill authorized the expenditure of surplus funds for State markets and the first market was built at Sanford. The first season the Sanford market operated, 1934-35, proved that State markets would be successful, but because the surplus in inspection funds was so small they would have to be built on a shoe string. Fortunately, the W. P. A. made Federal funds available for public works about this time. This called for a man as director who could not only supervise market operation but plan and execute projects and engineer them through to completion. William L. Wilson, present Director of State Farmers' Markets, was selected and, Commissioner Mayo stated, has been successful in every instance. Land was donated by the State Road Department built roadways, Commissioner Mayo's Department kicked in with some cash, the W. P. A. furnished the remainder, and the State market system began to expand.

The season of 1937-38 was the first one showing sales of more than a million dollars, 11 state markets doing \$1,763,873.73. Most seasons they jumped to a gross sale of \$4,618,837 with 16 markets in operation. In 1939-40 sales totaled \$7,224,146 at 17 state markets and for the past season reached a high of \$10,786,612 with 21 markets in operation and every market "complete," undergoing improvements or temporarily suspended.

State Farmers' Markets are operated for the sole benefit of the farmers and operating costs have been held consistently low, showing a steady decrease from season to season. The cost for the season

of 1937-38 was .0127 percent of gross sales and for the season just closed were .0058 percent of gross sales or less than half of the 1937-38 season cost.

Plans for improvements in service and for meeting the many problems arising from the national defense program were considered by advisory committees, managers, and business, agricultural, transportation and defense leaders at the Jacksonville sessions, and the coming season has every prospect of being a prosperous one for farmers, using the facilities of State Farmers' Markets.

Power Supply Inter-Connected

The interconnected system of Florida Power and Light Company, of which the Everglades District is a part, will soon be tied in with power lines that stretch throughout the southeastern states, Mr. de Moya, power company manager, said yesterday. The power lines are being connected so that the Florida company can help relieve the shortage of power caused by the drought in the southeastern area.

Mr. de Moya said the connection would be made with the Florida Public Service Company's lines near Sanford, and with the Florida Power Corporation's lines at Tallahassee. Connection of Florida Power Corporation's lines will also be made with other power companies in Georgia, which in turn supply power to the grid of lines extending throughout other states.

Federal Power Commission officials recently directed that the interconnections be made to assign the National Defense Program. Engineers of the local company in Miami are working at top speed on plans to connect the transmission lines as soon as possible.

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Many Trials Have—

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Cattlemen and dairymen moved into the grassy plains.

Packing houses were constructed around the lake. Boom towns sprang up, with railroads and highways as outlets.

Then disaster struck again. More than 2,000 persons died in a flood after a tropical hurricane swept the lake water over its banks. To prevent a recurrence, a levee was built halfway around the lake, at a cost of millions.

Other blows fell. It was found that the drainage had been done too well.

During droughts immense grass fires swept the plains, burning into the under-like post. The underground water table dropped so low that sea water backed up the canals and rivers.

Municipalities in the coastal resort cities turned salty, their fresh water supply endangered.

More money was spent—and still is being expended—to regulate the drainage, keeping the water level low enough for farming, yet

high enough to avoid fires and ward off the salt infiltration.

Landowners began to have trouble paying their taxes in the late 1920's during the economic aftermath to the Florida boom. As a federal depression followed, farmers went broke, taxes were unpaid. The district's bonds finally went into default in 1931.

A decade later the only important new enterprise was a big cane sugar development. Property values declined as the delinquent taxes piled up.

Gov. Spessard L. Holland began a new attempt to refund the bonds soon after his inauguration last January. Success resulted from conferences and the formation of a bond syndicate. Authorizing legislation was pushed through in a few hours.

Settlement of the debt on terms ranging from 20 to 35 cents on the dollar effected the tremendous reduction in the amount. The maximum tax levy was slashed more than two-thirds. Property owners were offered a chance to settle their delinquent taxes, amounting to more than \$20,000,000, by paying two-year assessments at the reduced rate.

The picture became even brighter when the Reconstruction Finance Corporation offered to buy all the outstanding bonds. Governor Holland said this was extremely important, "since it assures the district of having only one creditor, and that a friendly one."

State officials say increased activity and a general rise in property values already have resulted.

Things are looking up in the Everglades, but the farmers are keeping their fingers crossed. They wonder whether some new blight is over the horizon.

WEATHER

Temperature and Rainfall at Canal Point, Fla., for the week ending July 20, 1941.

Date	Max.	Min.	Rain
July 14	88	72	1.47
15	88	70	2.71
16	89	69	
17	90	71	0.24
18	90	71	
19	87	72	1.06
20	89	69	

Av. 88.7, 70.9, 4.49
Total rainfall, 5.48 in.
1941, 41.81.

The number of telephone calls in the United States on January 1, 1939, was 19,953,263.

CCC Benefits Young Trainees

Jacksonville, July 24.—Concrete evidence of the benefits from a physical standpoint to young men enrolled in the CCC, was disclosed in a report of the State Welfare Board by James J. McEntee, director of the corps.

McEntee said a two-year survey of 101,856 enrollees by the surgeon general's office, showed the average 18-year-old enrollee gained 10 3/4 pounds and grew 1/2 inch. The study said that rural enrollees increased an average of 13.07 pounds against 9.83 for city boys and grew .89 inches taller as against .81 for urbanites.

In addition to physical improvement it is pointed out that the special training received by the boys aids them in later life.

Cotton Price Hits New High

New Orleans, July 24.—The southern cotton farmer, long suffering under the handicap of an over-produced market and low prices, today counted millions of dollars added to the value of his crop by the day-to-day rise in prices with hardly a reaction.

Putures on the New Orleans cotton exchange today again set new season high records which raised the value of the staple since July 1 for new crop positions. October contracts, an aggregate of two cents a pound, or \$10 a bale representing approximately \$120,000,000 increase in the crop based on a 12,000,000 bale forecast.

Day after day new season high levels have been set although some days the market fell under reactions. The largest advance during this nearly three-week period was Saturday, July 19, when gains of nearly 3/4 a bale were realized on extremely heavy trade buying, sending prices to the highest mark in 11 years.

Among factors credited with influencing the steady advance were defense needs, farm bloc influence in congress, inflation talk and expected heavy domestic consumption in all times.

HOME FROM GEORGIA
Mike Chalpin has returned to South Bay from Swainsboro, Ga., where he has been visiting. Mrs. Chalpin and son, Mike, remained for a longer visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Thompson.

Plan Cooperative Cattle Ranch Near Okeechobee City

Farm Security Administration To Invest \$794,250.00

Okeechobee, July 24.—80,000 acres of cut-over land just north of here have been acquired by the Farm Security Administration, it was announced last week, and will be developed as a cooperative cattle ranch.

Representing an investment of \$794,250 advanced to small farmers and stock growers covered by the development of large ranges during the last few years, the tract will provide home sites and subsistence farming for 125 families, it was announced by E. J. Morgan, regional director of the Farm Security Administration.

Morgan said the plan was an outgrowth of the FSA's "new emphasis on cooperative activities" in all fields of southern agriculture and that "for the first time small operators will be enabled to enter the cattle business, which complete with cowboys, brands and brands, has come in the last decade into extensive being in the hammock lands of Florida."

Plans call for the formation of a Dixie Cattlemen's Association, incorporated as a private business, paying taxes and subject to the same laws as the large cattle corporations in neighboring counties. Each family will have a subsistence farm averaging 30 acres on which to grow food and marketable products.

"By forming the Dixie Cattlemen's Association, this Florida group will be able to adopt large scale measures, undertake the drainage necessary, and meet competition of cattle raising corporations whose purchase and fencing of what was formerly open range country has squeezed out thousands of small operators in the past few years," the regional director explained.

Located in the heart of Florida's cattle country, the project is expected by the FSA to serve as a demonstration of how lands can be turned to more productive use and provide homes and jobs for landless farmers. Fifty registered bulls will be imported and there

will be a beginning herd of 2,000 cows of hardy native stock.

Total investment per family, including drainage, land improvement and equipment, was placed by the FSA at \$4,254. The venture is planned for repayment of the loan by the cooperative association in 40 years, although the first three payments will be deferred to help give the new enterprise a start, Morgan announced.

JUDGE CHILLINGWORTH REPORTS TO NAVY

West Palm Beach, Fla., July 24.—Judge Chillingworth, circuit judge, received orders Monday to report to St. Augustine Friday for "active duty" with the selective service board. Judge Chillingworth holds the rank of lieutenant commander in the Naval Reserve.

Gov. Spessard L. Holland notified Chillingworth that Judge A. O. Kanner, Stuart, would be assigned to this circuit during August and Judge Paul D. Barnes, Miami, would act during September.

ONE HOUR LATE
Panama City, July 24.—Mayor H. G. Fannin, president of a bank here when not busy at the city hall, had his daylight saving time proclamation backfire a bit this morning.

Promptly at 9 a. m., daylight saving time, his home and other employees were ready to begin the day's business at the bank but the mayor had neglected to have the time lock on the vault adjusted and sufficient capital to do business was not available until 10 o'clock.

HARRINGTONS RETURN
Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Harrington and family have returned to their home in Canal Point after spending a two weeks vacation with friends and relatives in Morven and other towns in Georgia.

Syria and the Lebanon have a population of 2,620,000, according to a 1935 census. Their combined area is 57,900 square miles.

No Daylight Saving In Florida

Tallahassee, July 24.—Governor Spessard Holland declined to place Florida under the proposed daylight saving time as a national defense measure.

The governor pointed out that such action was being taken in some states as a power saving move but he said Florida power plants do not face such a problem and plants in this state are producing much under their capacity with no shortage of juice for either light or power.

In a letter to President Roosevelt, Holland pointed out that daylight saving time in Florida would involve substantial losses to public and private power companies, to transportation companies, and other industries, and the need for it is not evidenced here at this time.

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We wish to extend thanks and appreciation to our friends for their many kindnesses and expressions of sympathy at the time of our bereavement.

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Venice Will Get Training Base
Venice, July 24.—This gulf coast community, 12 miles south of Sarasota and home of Dr. Fred H. Albee's famed Florida Medical Center, let loose an enthusiastic cheer last week when it was announced that the army had picked this section as a probable site for a coast artillery training area and anti-aircraft firing center should defense plans require additional training camps.

The site under consideration already has been surveyed by the army and all indications point to its selection.

Beginning at the southern city limits of Venice, it extends about

7 miles to Englewood. The area is served by the Seaboard Air Line Railway. The terrain is high and dry and wooded, located on a slight bluff overlooking the gulf.

BREAKS LEG
Stewart Spooner suffered a broken leg Sunday when he attempted to slide in a base, ball game at Lake Worth. His condition is reported today as satisfactory.

SUNDAY SERVICES
There will be a service of the Holy Communion of the Church of the Holy Nativity (Episcopal), to be held at the Pahokee Wo-

man's Club, on Sunday morning, July 27th, at 11:00 A. M. The Rev. Raymond A. Kurts, Priest in Charge at Holy Trinity Church, West Palm Beach, will administer the sacrament, and will be assisted by the Rev. Frank Alverez, Vicar.

It was Epictetus, a stoic philosopher of Rome, who lived during the latter half of the first century, A. D., who said: "Nothing is smaller than love of pleasure and the love of gain and pride; nothing is superior to magnanimity and gentleness and love of mankind and beneficence."

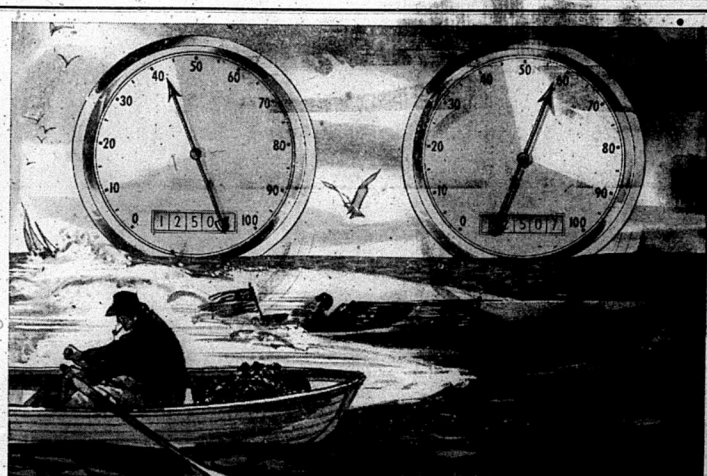
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